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FORTY-THREE ARTICLES IN WARRANT TO BE PRESENTED AT TOWN MEETING AT TOWN HALL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

It's a long list of articles in the warrant this year and they will demand careful study and consideration by the voters and conservative decision if the tax rate is to be kept within reasonable bounds.

The annual town meeting is not far off. On Monday morning at ten o'clock, February 6, the voters will gather in regular fashion to hear the warrant read, the polls opened, to cast their votes for town officials, and to make important decisions on the conduct of affairs in the community for the current year. Here's hoping the weather will be fair and that storm or blizzard will not hinder in the attendance.

The Town Finance Committee have carefully considered the various articles of the warrant, and of course under governmental action, that is what they should do, and their recommendations are printed following each separate article:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year, one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one School Committee member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for one year, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms. The polls may close at FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1939 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1939, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 4. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$50.

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$100.

Article 6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$2,955.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for special highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1,700.

Article 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

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| Schools | \$34,665 | Old Age Assistance | \$14,000 |
| Treasurer | 500 | Finance Committee | |
| Treasurer's Expense | 125 | recommend to raise | |
| Bridges | 500 | and appropriate | |
| Soldiers' Relief | 1,000 | \$7,000. That \$7,000 | |
| Alexander Hall | 150 | be appropriated | |
| Snow Removal | 3,000 | from the Surplus | |
| Finance Committee | | Revenue Account | |
| recommend that | | School Committee | |
| Snow Removal item | | Salary | 150 |
| be appropriated from | | Contingent | 1,500 |
| the Surplus Revenue | | Inspection of Meat | |
| Account | | and Slaughtering | 150 |
| Inspection Animals | 125 | Elections | 500 |
| Fire Department | 1,500 | Fire and Casualty | |
| Maintenance Water | | Insurance | 1,500 |
| Holes | 75 | Sealer | 150 |
| Dept. Public Welfare | 5,700 | Accountant's Salary | 500 |
| Aid to Dependent | | Accountant's Expense | 35 |
| Children | 800 | Town Hall Care | 1,600 |
| Town Clerk | 250 | Alexander House and | |
| Town Clerk's Expense | 25 | Barn | 100 |
| Selectmen's Salary | 600 | Assessors | 600 |
| Road Machinery Fund | 3,000 | Public Health | 350 |
| Appropriate from | | Interest on | |
| Machinery Account | | Temporary Loans | 50 |

Article 9. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$400 for salary and \$125 for expenses.

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The Song Leader Of Preaching Mission Now Introduced

It is now announced that the leader of singing in the Preaching and Teaching Mission at the Trinitarian church Feb. 5 to 10, will be a gifted young man, new to Northfield, named John Stratton Shufelt.

Mr. Shufelt was born in Yorkville, Ill., in 1910. His mother was a music teacher in the community, and developed her son's promising talents from his earliest years. The late Dr. Daniel Prothero of Chicago, famous Welsh singing teacher, composer and world authority on sacred choral music, took him in hand. Young John Stratton Shufelt Shufelt was a featured soloist with the famous Chicago Children's Chorus for three consecutive annual concerts in Orchestra Hall.



During high school days his voice changed to a rich mellow baritone. Having professional ambition, he appeared before the public continually as a singer. Concerts and recitals in Chicago led to many stage and radio appearances, and he was soon making a hundred dollars a week.

Nine years ago his life purpose was changed, and he has since devoted his time to religious service. He was graduated at Wheaton college, and pursued his musical studies in the University of Illinois and several Chicago conservatories of music. He has a Bachelor of Music degree. Since 1936, he has been pastor's assistant and director of music in the Moody Memorial church, Chicago. Among many special engagements he was song leader last Easter at the Chicagoland Sunrise service in Soldiers' Field, with an attendance of 75,000 people. Mr. Shufelt will be heard in solos at every evening meetings, and will lead the chorus of 24 voices.

The "Life of Faith," London, had this to say in a recent issue, referring to the campaign in Glasgow, Scotland, during last year's Empire Exhibition: "A noteworthy asset to the campaign has been the singing of Mr. Shufelt, Dr. Ironside's leader of praise in the Moody Church, Chicago. The older people of Glasgow must have discovered, in this twofold ministry, something reminiscent of Moody and Sankey."

O. E. S. Installation Was Impressive Event

The officers of Northfield chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, were installed last Friday evening at the Masonic hall in a most impressive service. Supper was served at 6:30 with Mrs. Dorothy Bolton and Mrs. Ruth Hurlburt in charge, assisted by Mrs. Bertha Leach, Mrs. Eliza Pearson, Mrs. Carrie Billings and Mrs. Myrtle Newton.

Following a business session, the installation was held with Miss Harriett Kelley of Greenfield as the installing matron. Ralph Forsaith, past patron, was installing patron. Mrs. Mildred Pearson Flagg, past matron, was installing marshal; Mrs. Charlotte Wright, past matron, installing chaplain, and Rev. W. Stanley Carne, soloist.

On the reception committee were Mrs. Alfreda Mattern, past matron; Mrs. Josephine Webster, past matron; and Clarence Steadler, past patron.

Officers installed were: Miss Gladys E. Ellithorpe, worthy matron; Walter W. Hyde, worthy patron; Mrs. Dorothy P. Bolton, associate matron; Horace Bolton, associate patron; Mrs. Josephine S. Haskell, p. m., secretary; Mrs. Marion S. Given, p. m., treasurer; Mrs. Ruth F. Hurlburt, conductress; Miss Ida J. Sheldon, associate conductress; Mrs. Maude M. Montague, p. m., chaplain; Mrs. Beatrice A. Harris, p. m., marshal; Mrs. Marion W. Goodspeed,

Birthday Anniversary Of Dwight L. Moody On Sunday, Feb. 5th

On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, February 5, the 102nd anniversary of Dwight L. Moody's birthday will be observed by a popular civic meeting in the town hall. The Moderator of the town will preside, and with him on the platform will be the selectmen and other town officers and leading citizens. The orator of the occasion will be Henry Allan Ironside, D. Litt., of Chicago, who will speak on "What I Have Seen in America and Great Britain of D. L. Moody's Living Influence."

John Stratton Shufelt, B. Mus., of Chicago, will render Ira D. Sankey's well-known hymn, "The Ninety and Nine," as a solo. The gathering is of course open to all townpeople.

The Cable Announces Death Of Dr. Askren

From Fayoum, Egypt came a cable last Thursday, announcing the sad news of the death on Wednesday, Jan. 18, of Dr. D. L. Askren, who for the past 40 years has been the medical officer in charge of the extensive work of the American Mission, in that country. The cable was addressed to his wife, Mrs. Alice Underwood Askren, who is now residing in Ann Arbor, Mich., following a residence in Northfield of many years.

Only two years ago Dr. Askren visited Northfield and looked over his property on the Wanamaker road, while on a short furlough from his work.

A close friend and adviser of many of the public officials of the Egyptian government, Dr. Askren was honored in many ways. He served as the medical officer of the American Red Cross when Lord Allenby entered Jerusalem. His co-operation was voiced in many of the archeological investigations undertaken in Egypt. Honors were received by him from the Egyptian, English and Italian governments for his valued medical services.

Dr. Askren was born May 29, 1873, in Mt. Airy, Iowa. He received his medical degree from St. Louis University and became a medical missionary soon afterwards.

Mrs. Askren, who worked with him for 32 years as a trained nurse, has been a resident of Ann Arbor since 1935 with four of their six children, five of whom are students or alumni of the university.

Dr. Askren is survived by his widow and six children, Robert L., of Beirut, Syria, Charles of Minieh, Egypt, Helen A., cataloger in the University Museums, William W. and Ronald R., students at Ann Arbor University and David, a student at Ann Arbor high school.

The funeral services were held last Friday at the American Mission church in Cairo, attended by many friends and government officials. Burial was in the Mission cemetery.

Football Schedule

The football schedule for Mt. Hermon school for next fall was completed this week by Axel B. Forslund, head of the physical education department, as follows: Oct. 28, Mass State frosh at Amherst; Nov. 4, Wilbraham, here; Nov. 11, Vermont academy at Saxtons River; Nov. 18, Williston, here. Wilbraham academy is a newcomer on the schedule. Chas. Stevens, a Hermon alumnus, is headmaster at Wilbraham.

p. m., organist; Mrs. Marion M. Ware, Adah; Mrs. M. Eva Fox, Ruth; Mrs. Catherine E. Sheldon, Esther; Mrs. Jennie M. Warnock, Martha; Miss Priscilla M. Colton, Electa; Mrs. Marion Dean, warden; Vernal Hurlburt, p. p., sentinel.

A past patron's jewel was presented to the retiring matron, Mrs. Beatrice A. Harris, by Mrs. Charlotte F. Wright, past matron.

A past patron's jewel was also presented to the retiring patron, Vernal G. Hurlburt by Willis K. Parker, past patron.

The installation took place with a large assembly and was most impressive with the use of flowers and lighted candles. Among the out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Anna Marie Obrey, associate matron of the grand chapter; Mrs. Eva Crothers of West Springfield, an honorary member of Northfield chapter; and Miss Blanche Ellithorpe of New Jersey, sister of the newly installed matron.

The floral offerings were given by Worthy Patron John Ross of Arcana chapter, Greenfield.

Retired Sheriff Doane, Former Resident Here, Died Sunday Morning

Fred W. Doane, age 67, of Greenfield, retired Sheriff of the county, died last Sunday morning at the Franklin county hospital, where he had been since the middle of December, as the result of a fall in which he had fractured his hip.

Mr. Doane was born in Hawley, Feb. 11, 1871, the son of James and Angelina (Butler) Doane. He lived in that town until 14 when he entered Hopkins academy in Hadley. From there he went to Mt. Hermon school where he studied from 1887-1890. When he completed his school work he went to work for Dwight L. Moody at the school and became a resident of Northfield and lived here for 35 years, engaging in various



lines of business. He was active in the civic life of our community.

He served on the board of selectmen for two years and for one year was chairman of the board. He also was a constable for 25 years. He was a member of Harmony lodge of Masons of which he was a past master.

He was appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Pratt of Millers Falls in 1912 and went to Greenfield to make his home 15 years ago when he was named keeper of the jail. In 1930 he was elected sheriff for a two-year term to succeed Chester A. Davis of Turners Falls, and has been re-elected since, serving to the first of this year, when he retired.

He leaves his widow, Myrtle P. Doane; a brother, Will Doane of Florence; two sisters, Miss Delia Doane, and Mrs. Robert Miner, both of Wallingford, Ct.; and two sons, Ralph of Philadelphia, and Howard of Belchertown.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon in Greenfield at the Shepard funeral home with Rev. George K. Carter of the First Congregational church officiating. Burial was in the Green River cemetery at Greenfield. The funeral services were attended by county officials and citizens prominent in all walks of life. Several attended from our town.

Grangers Neighbor With Northfield

There was a large attendance at neighbors' night at the Grange on Thursday evening. Thirty members from Guiding Star Grange of Greenfield, 20 from Vernon, four from Bernardston and one from Montague were guests of the local Grange.

A program, arranged by Miss Ellen N. McLintock from Guiding Star Grange, consisted of a Pantomime with Mrs. Carrie Bickford, Mrs. Jennie Adams, Miss Elizabeth Carrier, and Mrs. Lillian Ferris taking part; a horn solo by Albert Rice, accompanied by Mrs. Laura Schwartz; a reading by Mrs. Maude Russell, and a short skit by Miss Ellen McLintock and Albert Rice.

The lecturer of Vernon Grange, Mrs. Lawrence Johnson, gave for a program, readings by Ernest Dunklee, Chinese spelling match with Oramel S. Bickford and Warren Brown as leaders, and a reading by Edgar Bruce.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Arthur Farnum, Mrs. Lillian Langua, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson and Mrs. Ruth Holton, as a committee.

Cutting Fine Ice

The Northfield schools began the work of harvesting ice from Wanamaker Pond last week Friday and a large crew of men has been engaged in the work. The ice is of good quality and from 13 to 15 inches thick. Trucks are hauling it to the storehouse at the Seminary barns and to the ice house at the hotel. Quite a number of people have gone to the pond to watch the work, which is very interesting.

The County Budget In Slight Decrease For County Expenses

The budget of expense for Franklin county as prepared by the county commissioners was filed with the Legislature last week and the total of requirements amount to \$208,192.20. Last year the amount was \$209,993.01.

The greatest reduction in any one item this year comes for hospital and sanatorium amounting to \$2,775.56 while a decrease is shown of \$1,420 for salaries of officials and care of prisoners at the house of correction.

Care, fuel, light and supply costs for county buildings other than the house of correction have been reduced \$1,000 and interest on county debt, \$1,305.25.

The largest increase requested is for highway appropriations, which are \$3,000 more than last year. Other increases are: Repairing and furnishing county buildings, \$500; examination of dams, \$600; unpaid bills, \$200.

A pension item of \$870 is included in this year's budget whereas there was none in 1938. This pension is for Herbert Cook, turn-key who retired on half pay.

Here are the items of the budget for 1939:

Debt interest, \$10,194; debt reduction, \$25,000; salaries of county officers and assistants, \$18,820; clerical assistance in county offices, \$7,500; salaries and expenses, district and municipal courts, \$17,200; salaries of jailers, masters and assistants, and support of prisoners in jails and houses of correction, \$23,580; Criminal costs in superior court, \$10,000; civil expenses in supreme, superior and probate courts, \$10,000; transportation and expenses of county commissioners, \$600; medical examiners and commitment of insane, \$2,000; auditors, masters and referees, \$1,200; repairing, furnishing and improving the county buildings, \$2,000.

Care, fuel, lights and supplies in county buildings, other than jails and houses of correction, \$13,500; Highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages, \$36,000; examination of dams, \$1,000; law libraries, \$2,800; county aid to agriculture, \$9,575; hospital or sanatorium, \$5,302; preventorium, health service, Greenfield health camp, \$2,000; state reservations, \$2,200; pensions, \$870; miscellaneous and contingent expenses, \$1,450; unpaid bills of previous years, \$500; reserve for transfer only, \$5,000.

Company I, 104th Infantry, M. N. G., of Greenfield, will have its annual two weeks' summer training at Pine Camp, New York, Aug. 13 to 27. At least a couple of Northfield young men are members of the company.

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed entertained the teachers of the town schools with a party on Monday evening at her home. There was an interesting program provided and refreshments were served.

Audit Finds Faults; Makes Suggestions With Town Accounts

Examiners from the State office of the Division of Accounts, who spent the first week in the month in Northfield going over the books have made their report and a summary of their finds will doubtless be found in the official communication returned to the town and published in the town report.

Press statements affirm that overdrafts were found and the report again calls attention to the rule prohibiting incurrence of liabilities in excess of the appropriation. It also was found that expenditures for aid to dependent children charged to the federal grant for such purpose were \$42 in excess of the aggregate amount of grant received. Attention therefore is called to the fact that charges against federal grants could not exceed amount actually received and in the treasury.

It is "again recommended" that disallowances and abatements be reported promptly to the town accountant, so that his ledger may reflect the true financial condition of the town at all times.

Assets of \$49,389.53 in which is included \$24,710.36 of unpaid taxes and \$2880 for the 1938 underestimate of the state tax, to be raised this year, are listed in the Northfield town balance sheet. Surplus revenue amounts to \$31,502.82.

Anson O. Howard

Anson O. Howard, aged 82, died at his home on the Winchester road last Friday morning after a brief illness. He was born in Jamaica, Vt., in May, 1856, and came to Northfield to serve as a watchman on the campus of the Seminary in 1890, only eleven years after the founding of the school. He was the oldest in point of service and recorded an active career of 49 years.

His was a life of useful endeavor, his faithfulness and loyalty unquestioned. He made many friends and championed the great out of doors. He and his dogs were familiar figures and his fascinating stories endeared him to all. Those who knew Mr. Howard will sense a personal loss in his passing.

He is survived by his wife, the former Catherine Brown; one daughter, Amy; and two sons, Ernest and Lee, all of this town. There are three grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Frank Heald. The funeral services were held at Kidder's funeral parlors, Sunday afternoon and interment was in the West Northfield cemetery. Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiated.

Miss Maud Hamilton, who has been confined to her home since Christmas with illness, is now reported as much improved.

Raymond R. Clapp, who is manager of the Middlesex Farm Bureau recently spent a few days here on a visit with his father, L. O. Clapp.

PREACHING AND TEACHING MISSION

TRINITARIAN CHURCH, Northfield, Mass.

led by Henry Allan Ironside and John Stratton Shufelt of the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago

FEBRUARY 5 - 10 Inclusive

Sunday, February 5

11:00 a. m. Morning Service. Address by Dr. Ironside, solo by Mr. Shufelt. Chorus of 24 voices. Hearty congregational singing. New songs.

3:00 p. m. Popular MOODY MASS MEETING in Town Hall in observance of D. L. Moody's 102nd birthday anniversary. Address by Dr. Ironside on "What I Have Seen of D. L. Moody's Living Influence in America and Great Britain." Mr. Shufelt will sing Ira D. Sankey's "Ninety and Nine."

7:30 p. m. Evening meeting. Dr. Ironside, Mr. Shufelt and Chorus.

Afternoon Meetings

Monday, 3:15 p. m. Young People's gathering. Dr. Ironside and Mr. Shufelt.

Tuesday to Friday, 3:00 p. m. Bible readings—"Studies in Philipians", Dr. Ironside.

Evening Meetings

Monday to Friday, 7:30 p. m. Dr. Ironside, Mr. Shufelt and Chorus.

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TOWN WARRANT (from page one)

Article 10. To see if the town will empower the Selectmen to defend the town in any suit brought against the town or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$700.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of a Community Nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1,250 for salary and \$25 for expenses.

Article 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$400.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to accept from Samuel E. Walker the deed of his cemetery lot, and the sum of \$200.00, the interest thereof to be used for the care of the Samuel E. Walker lot.

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1,500 to be appropriated from Surplus Overlay.

Article 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$400 for the care and preservation of cemeteries or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$400.

Article 17. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$14,850.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400 for the usual expenses of Dickinson Memorial Library and for its special need of additional bookshelves.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1,200.

Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to co-operate with the State and County in building a section of permanent highway on Warwick Road in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$4,000.

Article 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the Sons of Veterans and the American Legion, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$125.

Article 21. To hear the report of the Committee on High School Building repairs and to see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to make said repairs, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for spraying trees on or near some of our highways or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$50.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to appoint a clerk for the Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of the

Mrs. Nellie Dresser

Mrs. Nellie Dresser, age 78, for many years a resident of Northfield, died Sunday morning in Farley after several years of failing health. She was born in Natick, July 22, 1860, the daughter of John H. and Helen Wentworth and came here as a young girl with her parents.

She was married in 1881 to James E. Dresser, who died some 37 years ago. Surviving are eight children: five daughters, Mrs. Florence N. Pratt of Greenfield, Mrs. Vera W. Kennison of Springfield, Mrs. Winnifred King of Atkinson, N. H., Mrs. Bertha F. Langdon of Pleasantville, N. Y., and Mrs. Elizabeth D. Tuttle of Montague City, and three sons, Lee Dresser of Warwick, Raymond E. and James E. Dresser of this town. Also 19 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Kidder's funeral parlors with Rev. H. B. Morrell of the Turners Falls Congregational church officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the cemetery here.

Important Broadcast

On Friday, Jan. 27, Dr. Arthur T. Legg and Rev. J. Frank Robinson are broadcasting over station WBZ, from 4 to 4:15 p. m.

Dr. Legg is a member of the Harvard Infantile Paralysis commission and is in charge of the after-care treatment at the Children's hospital in Boston. He is regarded as one of the outstanding authorities in the country in after-care treatment of infantile paralysis cases and crippled children.

Over a period of 22 years the Harvard Infantile Paralysis commission has on file 6158 cases of infantile paralysis which received treatment, and nearly everyone of this he has personally examined. It is safe to assert that no man in the world has supervised and treated more infantile cases than Dr. Legg.

Rev. J. Frank Robinson is chairman of Norfolk county and is deeply interested in this worthy cause. He is the director of the New England Ministers' council, which is co-operating in the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign.

same or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$200.

Article 24. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the Rustic Ridge Road layout and to see if the town will vote to raise any money for same, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to buy forest fire equipment or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends no appropriation.

Article 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for constables pay or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$200.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for resurfacing sidewalks, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$500.

Article 28. To hear the report of the Special Alexander Hall Committee and take action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for care of the Athletic Field.

The Finance Committee recommends \$200.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay unpaid bills held over from last year or take any action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to meet the requirements of the State Department of Public Safety at the Center and Pine Street School buildings.

The Finance Committee recommends \$500.

Article 32. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a drain through the ditch lot, so-called, in the meadow, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends no appropriation.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to re-install the street light at the Uniarian Church sheds and raise a sum of money for same.

The Finance Committee recommends no appropriation.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of \$50 from the Inez E. Holton Estate, the income to be used for the care of the Willard Fleming cemetery lot in Northfield Farms.

Article 35. To see if the town will accept \$150 from the Trustees of the Village Improvement Society, and appropriate a like amount of \$150, to be expended by a Committee appointed by the Moderator, in the planting and care of trees upon the town highways.

The Finance Committee recommends \$150 to be transferred from the Storm Damage Account.

Article 36. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$250 for restoring the allowance formerly given the Town Nurse for car expense.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to prescribe the manner of giving notice of town meetings by specifying the number of places where warrants shall be posted or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen or a committee to investigate for land for a cemetery, or appropriate a sum of money for same, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to make any disposition of the Chevrolet truck or act thereon.

Article 40. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in connection with the WPA or any other Project work or act thereon.

Article 41. To see what action the town will take regarding the disposal of the Town Hall sewerage, appropriate any sum of money for same or act thereon.

Article 42. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to drain the surface water across the land of Ernest Whitney or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$800.


Article 43. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to grant the use of the Town Hall without charge for the legitimate recreational life, under proper supervision, of young people of Northfield, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

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Spectacular Fire Drives Eleven Out In Cold; Destroys Home

Fire destroyed the old Holton place on the west bank of the Connecticut river just below the C. V. railroad bridge on Monday evening.

It was supper time and the occupants were at the table in their home when the crackling of flames were heard and the entire upper portion of the house was discovered ablaze, evidently starting from a defective chimney. Efforts were at once made to save the furniture in the home and a summons from a neighbor's telephone brought the Northfield fire department, which responded with Chief Parker and twelve members.

Arriving at the scene, no water was available except such as could be carried to the "booster pump." However, the department and volunteers worked heroically and prevented the barn, garage and outbuildings from taking fire. The direction of the wind, in the cold and icy blast of weather also was of help. The house was completely destroyed and since it was in the flooded area of 1936, was not insurable.

The land was the property of the Turners Falls Light and Power Co., and when purchased from Frank B. Holton, only gave him limited use of the property. Its value was probably not in excess of \$2500 to \$3000.

The flames of the fire could be seen for many miles around and attracted a large number of sight-seers. The property was rented to Mr. and Mrs. Strange, who with relatives and children, to the number of eleven lived there. Most of them lost their personal belongings. Friends cared for the family after the fire and it is said they will endeavor to find a new location in town.

Sunday Speakers

The Rev. Hiram W. Lyon, pastor of the Community church in Great Neck, L. I., and brother of Miss Florence E. Lyon of the Seminary faculty, will speak at both the 11 o'clock and 5 o'clock services on Sunday at Northfield Seminary.

In Mount Hermon Memorial chapel on Sunday, the Rev. Lester P. White will conduct a communion service at the morning worship period. Rabbi Alexander Lyons of the 8th Ave. Temple in Brooklyn, N. Y., will speak at vespers.

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TOWN TOPICS

The executive board of the Franklin County Women's Republican club and various town chairmen in the county will hold a luncheon at the Mansion House on Saturday, Feb. 4 to consider plans for the annual meeting in May. Mrs. Ross L. Spencer is the local chairman.

Mrs. Grace C. Cornell, whose summer home is on Winchester road, writes that she is enjoying her stay in Lynn Haven, Fla., and that the season there, thus far, has been quite warm. She will be back in the early spring to again spend the summer here.

At the meeting of the State Fairs association held in Northampton last week, it was announced that the dates for the Greenfield Fair this year will be Sept. 11, 12, and 13.

Charles E. Williams, who has spent much of the winter season in Boston, suffered last week a serious heart attack and was immediately removed to Baker Memorial hospital in that city for treatment. He is reported as considerably improved this week.

Grove W. Deming of Mt. Hermon school addressed the Men's Bible class at the Second Congregational church in Greenfield last Sunday morning on Spain of former years.

The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, former pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle in New York City who died at Fitzwilliam, N. H., in September, 1937, left an estate of \$213,360 which was bequeathed to his wife and son. Dr. Jefferson was a frequent visitor in Northfield.

Members of the Northfield Grange will serve a dinner in the town hall on Town Meeting day. The committee in charge is Mrs. Harriett Fisher, Mrs. Grace White and Mrs. Vera Miller.

Charles Harris, field worker in Region 2 for the youth hostel visited here on Wednesday. He is working with a committee on a World's Fair Youth Hostel at the New York World's Fair.

Bill Brinton, director of publicity for the AYH, had Mr. Peaslee Bond of Clarksboro, N. J., as his guest for the past ten days. They studied and hosted together in England in 1935.

Mrs. Bob Oakes of Fredonia, N. Y., and Canada, showed motion pictures of her canoe trips through Algonquin National park, in Canada, to members of the AYH staff Tuesday night. With her were Miss Margaret Brown and Miss Bebita Reasoner of Mt. Holyoke college. Miss Brown had accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Oakes on one of their trips.

Miss Margery Lanphear of Winchester road had the misfortune to fall on the ice while skating on Perry Pond this week and badly sprain her ankle.

The bowling team played Bernardston Wednesday evening at Greenfield and won by a score of 3-1.

The fire department was called out for a chimney fire at the Galvey home in lower Farms Thursday morning.

Dr. Edward Fairbank of this town was a guest speaker at the meeting of the Women's Benevolent society at Longmeadow this Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Martin E. Vorce, librarian at the Dickinson library attended a testimonial dinner to Miss May Ashley, former librarian of the Greenfield Public library at the Weldon hotel Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Hyde were given a house warming by friends and members of the faculty of Mt. Hermon school last Sunday evening. All were delighted with their most attractive home on North Lane.

It's a turkey supper this time and the place is the Vernon Union church on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 23. Make the date a fixture.

Miss Juliana Alexander, daughter of Mrs. L. R. Alexander is now teaching in a business school at Battle Creek, Mich.

The town girls attending the Seminary were entertained last Saturday afternoon at Mt. Hermon in a "commuters party" with games, dancing and music. There were 22 couples and Dr. Porter, Miss Wilson and a committee were in attendance.

Director Monroe Smith of the Youth Hostel went to New York Tuesday to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the organization.

John T. Holden, executive secretary of the Northfield schools is in New York on business and conference with the trustees.

James Shea, who was formerly resident manager of the Northfield hotel is now with the Middlebury Inn at Middlebury, Vt.

Alec Jurgielewicz has purchased the farm formerly belonging to Lewis Munn of Gill.

Next Friday, Feb. 3, will be observed at the Northfield schools as Founder's Day and a most interesting program is being prepared at both the Seminary and Mt. Hermon.

Faustine Bigelow, who makes his home with his son, Harold Bigelow, on Maple street, is out again after being confined to the house for three weeks with an infected foot.

Mrs. Martin Vorce and Mrs. Charles Taber attended the recent meeting of the Franklin county extension service in Greenfield when projects for the coming season were discussed. Mrs. Vorce and Mrs. Taber are receiving names of those who desire to enroll. There is no charge for the course.

The Grange held a card party in their hall, Thursday evening. Mr. Frederick White, Miss Esthel Miller and Miss Hazel Tenney were the committee in charge.

Richard Buffum, our local news photographer, took some very good views of the Holton fire on Monday evening, which were used in the daily papers.

It is reported that the High School Alumni association, of which Leon Dunnell is president, will arrange a benefit for the Washington trip fund of the senior class in the town hall soon. It is expected that a dramatic performance will be given.

Miss Doris Miller and Lewis Wood have completed a course in radio dramatics and technique given in Greenfield under the university extension of the department of education.

Albert Irish was elected as treasurer of the Northfield Townsend club at the annual meeting last week.

In Probate court Monday, inventories were filed of the estate of the late Nelson O. Maynard, personal \$15.82, real estate \$200. Also in the estate of the late John A. DeVeer of New York, personal \$100, real estate, an equity in a summer residence here.

Rev. Charles S. Wilder of East Longmeadow, a retired pastor in the Congregational church and a former summer resident of Northfield, died at his home last Sunday.

Dr. C. W. Merriam, pastor of the Deerfield United church, has resigned owing to continued ill health. He was well known here. He was chaplain at both Deerfield academy and Eaglebrook school.

The sudden squall and storm last Sunday left most of our homes in sufficient darkness that the use of electric lights was necessary. The cold wave which followed sent the mercury down to eight below, and more in some places, and marked the coldest weather of the season. Enough snow fell to warrant the roads being plowed. It's a real touch of winter we are having.

Clifton M. Pratt, aged 65, well known hotel operator and at one time lessee of the Mountain View hotel, now used by the Youth Hostel on Main street, in this town, died Monday evening at his home in Greenfield.

The interior of the Unitarian church, which was badly damaged during the hurricane by a falling chimney, will be entirely re-decorated. George N. Kidder is chairman of the committee having the matter in hand. Outside repairs were completed some time ago.

Charles E. and Ralph O. Leach, also Charles D. Streeter are hauling their fallen timber to Caldwell Pond in West Northfield, where it is measured and graded by a government scaler. At present it is piled on the ice but will sink into the water when the thaw comes.

Mrs. Charles C. Stearns who recently suffered a serious fall is now rapidly improving.

Miss Fanny Lombard has gone to Hallowell, Me., to be with her sister, Mrs. Stanley Wilson for a few months. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family formerly lived in Northfield but removed to the Maine city, where Mr. Wilson is employed with the Kenebec Pulp and Paper Co., in Augusta.

Members of our local fire department are not to be classed as novices now. They are in the experienced category of "professional fire-eaters." The training school held in our town hall each week under Capt. Ackerman of Greenfield now consists of firemen from Bernardston, Gill, Northfield and Millers Falls and among those from this town were Chief Willis Parker, assistant chief Charles L. Johnson, Roy A. Barrows, Clifford Bolton, Edward Bolton, Fred Bolton, James Dale, Andrew Gray, Alfred Holton, Harrison Stacy and Verne Hare.

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Fortnightly Enjoyed Folk Music Program

At its regular scheduled meeting last Friday afternoon in Alexander hall, the Fortnightly enjoyed an afternoon of Folk music, under the direction of Mrs. Donald Williams and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed. There was a large attendance of members.

The program included: American folk music, Stephen Foster songs, the chorus, and a vocal solo by Martha Lopez. Vocal duet by Joan Williams and Richard Shattuck, six years; cowboy songs vocal duets, with guitar accompaniment by Herbert Marcy; others by Ian French and Herbert Marcy.

Folk dances, American and English by staff of the youth hostel with zither music by Julius Wahl; Irish folk music; vocal solo by Gladys Shattuck.

Mexican folk music, violin solo by Helen Howard; Scotch folk music, group of girls from Pine street school, Marion Allen, Ruth Dawe, Arlene Finch, Virginia Bolton, Lucretia Marshall, Katherine Moody, Phebe Stacy; vocal solo by Martha Lopez.

Italian folk music, vocal duet by Gloria Savcheff and Janet Kehl. Viennese folk music, violin solo by Winona Robinson, with violin and piano accompaniment by Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed and Mrs. C. H. Webster. English folk music by the Fortnightly chorus, "Strawberry Fair"; folk dances, AYH staff members, Marian Dunham, Faith Owers, Helen Conley, William Brinton, Parker Haesloop, Peaslee Bond; zither solo by Julius Wahl.

Folk dances were under direction of Miss Helen Conley and costumes, Mrs. George N. Kidder and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody.

The club chorus included, first sopranos, Miss Natalie Briesmaster, Miss Glenna Gibson, Miss Helen Pearson, Mrs. M. F. Lopez, Mrs. A. H. Wright, Mrs. D. R. Williams; second sopranos, Miss Mary Dalton, Mrs. J. G. Morgan, Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed; altos, Mrs. William Shattuck, Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster and Miss Elizabeth Eastman.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be held Friday, Feb. 3 at 3 o'clock in Alexander hall, when President Hugh Baker will speak on the work of Mass. State college with men and women.

The hostesses will be Mrs. Reuben Rikert, Mrs. Lena Moor and Mrs. George McEwan.

Returns To Seminary

Miss Florence Lyon, who for six months has been in London studying at the School of Economics, returned to her position as teacher of Modern European history and head of the department of admissions at Northfield Seminary this week. Miss Lyon spent the Christmas season in Paris.

Mrs. Margaret T. Davis who has been in charge of the admissions department during Miss Lyon's leave will continue to assist in the admissions office in addition to her position as head of East Gould hall.

District Y. W. C. A.

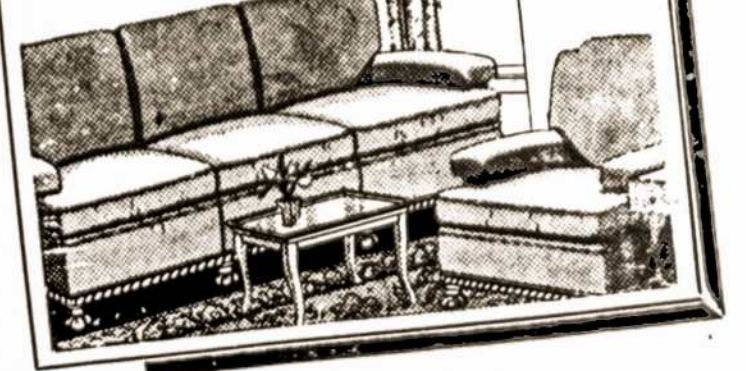
The directors of the district Y. W. C. A. met Thursday of last week in Greenfield with Miss Anna Miller. Mrs. Cora Hayward of Charlemont is president, and Mrs. Clifton Johnson of South Hadley, vice-president. Mrs. Louis Smith of Mt. Hermon is treasurer for Franklin county.

There are several active Girl Reserve clubs in Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties, and a spring conference for members of these clubs and their advisers is being planned. The conference committee is Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Belknap, Mrs. Louis Smith and Mrs. George Foster.

President Mrs. Hayward and Program Director Mrs. Belknap of Deerfield, were appointed delegates to a regional conference for rural Y. W. C. A. workers in New York, Jan. 26 and 27.



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SOUTH VERNON (West Northfield)

Mrs. Robert Clark, housekeeper for Miss Mira B. Wilson, spent the week-end at her home, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Porter.

Harry Zaluzny and Lawrence Underwood, who have been working for the Power company in Shelburne Falls have been transferred to Wendell.

The Smead and Tenney mill is now working in two shifts, because of the extra work in sawing timber for the government.

Marvin Johnson had the misfortune to injure his right arm recently with a pitchfork.

A cottage prayer meeting was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Clara Pratt. Another is planned to be held in two weeks.

The High Boys from station WTIC, Hartford, Ct., have been engaged to give an entertainment in Vernon next month for the benefit of the South School Parent-Teacher association.

James Edson is recovering from measles. Alfred Edson is again able to be out.

Mrs. Peter Skib and four sons were visitors at the home of Merle Jones in Gill Sunday.

Arthur Brunelle of Brattleboro is staying with his aunt, Mrs. Warren Dunklee.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Darby visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holton on Tuesday.

Carl Meisner of Springfield, spent the week-end with his family here.

Miss Margaret Casey of Brattleboro spent the week-end with Miss Alma Dunklee.

The South school P.T. A. will hold a business meeting Tuesday, Feb. 7. Glenn Johnson is in charge of the program.

Ernest W. Dunklee, president of the Franklin County-Hermon club, nad R. Edgar Bruce, were in Keene, Tuesday evening to at-

tend a meeting of Mt. Hermon alumni in that section who are interested in forming a Hermon club.

The Union P.T. A. will hold an entertainment at the Vernon town hall this Friday evening. There is to be a program by pupils from each of the schools. The South school orchestra will assist with the music.

CHURCH SERVICES

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10; at 11, preaching service with sermon on "Greater Witness than John's"; at 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by worship service; also a service at the Barber district schoolhouse; at 7, meeting of the Christian Endeavor; at 8, preaching service at the vestry.

Tuesday at 3, Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class at home of Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel.

Wednesday at 8, Woman's Missionary meeting at home of Mrs. Frary; questionnaire on India led by Mrs. Edward Fairbank.

Thursday, all-day meeting of Ladies' Sewing society; at 7:30, weekly prayer service at the vestry, followed by choir rehearsal. A week of prayer with service at the homes: Monday, Jan. 30, Misses Hamilton; Tuesday, Jan. 31, Rev. and Mrs. Randolph; Wednesday, Feb. 1, Mrs. Neva Barber; Friday, Feb. 4, Rev. and Mrs. Bronson. Morning watch at 9 a. m.; evening watch at 7:30.

SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday at 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. The sermon will present the third step in what will pull our world out of its present mess. If fear is world wide, caused largely by conditions which spell "Insecurity": then the next step will be the "Realization of the Reality of God."

The Unitarian Hour address at 1:45, Sunday, over WHDH by Dr. Baker will be on "Religious Ideals in Business Today."

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EDITORIAL

What will our tax rate be? Whether it will be nearer \$40 than \$30 depends somewhat upon the conservatism and economical actions of the annual town meeting in passing upon appropriations. Even this will not wholly decide the matter, for despite our economies, we are assured that the state tax will be staggering, amounting to the highest figure ever known. Commissioner Long stresses the imminence of the tax increase and some predict it may exceed \$25,000,000. Taxpayers will soon learn that extravagance and luxury must be paid for, eventually if not now. Nothing would be more damaging against this community than a high tax rate.

There is something rather splendid in the position taken by the New England Governors in backing up Vermont in its refusal to relinquish state rights in the matter of flood control in that state.

In the founding of the Federal Government New England was politically Federal, under Washington. State rights had a stronghold in the South, and Thomas Jefferson was the Messiah. The division continued during the Civil War, and long afterwards.

In the whirl of events during the past six years Federal authority has blanketed the whole country, like a snow storm. Now the New England states have declared for a principle of government that is as old as the Constitution. They emphatically demand the right to provide their own systems of flood control—and they know what floods are just as well as the people who live in the low areas of the Mississippi and other great rivers.

In the establishment of the new relations between the Federal and State governments the building of hundreds of thousands of miles of highways was easily adjusted. The states built the roads and the expense was matched with "Federal aid." A bill has appeared in Congress to carry out that same method to cover flood control in New England.

The Back Yard Gardener

When Dave Arnold read my little bit about lilacs a week ago he called me up and offered to loan me a book on lilacs which I was only too glad to get. It was written by a lady by the name of McKelvey and it certainly covers the lilac from beginning to end.

One thing I was surprised to find was that lilacs in general are not so old as I had thought—that is, as a cultivated plant. All of the lilacs are native to European or Asiatic countries with western China being the headquarters as it were.

It's a little bit difficult to say just when lilacs were brought into cultivation in Europe, but the common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*) was known to be in Europe not later than 1560, and in 1629 both the white and lilac-colored forms of the common lilac were cultivated in England, so apparently the lilac got over to this country in the early years of the Old Bay State.

Others came later. The variety we know as Japanese was sent by William S. Clark to the then Massachusetts Agricultural college and to the Arnold Arboretum in Boston in 1876. Some sorts did not get into this country until after 1900.

One rather interesting story is in reference to the Persian lilac which did not originate in Persia as one would assume from the name. It was not until 1915 that the true home of this lilac was known, and it was then located in Kansu which borders Tibet. There were two great highways which crossed the heart of Asia from China to Persia, and in this way the lilac got into Persia years ago. The home of our common lilac appears to be in the mountains of the Balkan peninsula.

There are in the neighborhood of 30 named species with of course many varieties and many hybrids. Most of the hybrids are offspring of *S. vulgaris*.

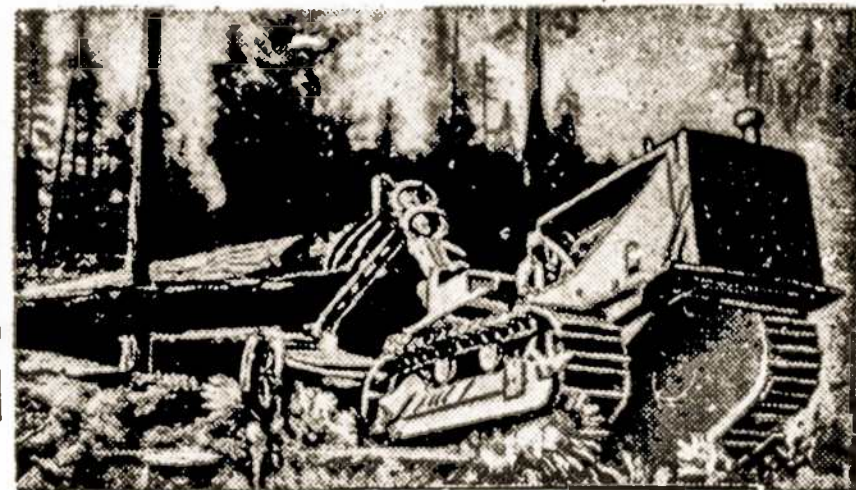
The word *Syringa* means, I believe, pipe. An old common name

Timber Salvage in State Lagging: Only Twenty Percent Contracted Williams Arranges for Milling

With most of his timber down on his vast acreage along the Warwick road in that town, Frank W. Williams will begin operations to salvage the fallen trees and has arranged with the Galford Mill company from West Virginia to take charge of the work. Trucks of the company carrying a portable steam saw mill, arrived in Northfield last Friday, with a crew of twenty men and they

of timber could be salvaged but, up to the middle of January, less than 7,000,000 feet has actually been scaled and delivered to the government and contracts for only another 100,000,000 have been made.

"The work has been retarded partly because of the difficulty experienced in obtaining ponds for storage as well as sites for dry storage. The work has also been



will begin immediately to set up the outfit and build a barracks to house the group. It is expected that work will begin immediately and two government supervisors will be in charge to appraise and grade the logs. This is the first operation planned for on a large scale here.

Some Northfield men heretofore have been cutting their logs and then hauled them to accepted ponds for submersion until they can be milled. These logs were also marked and accepted by government inspectors. In West Northfield, logs from the Tufts property have been hauled to the New England Box Co., at Winchester for immediate use.

About Windham county in Vermont, logs are being hauled, graded and accepted and milled at the Smead and Tenney mill and the Woodward mill on the Vernon road near Brattleboro. According to Mr. Reynolds of the State Forest and Park association, "The salvaging of timber is lagging in Massachusetts. It was expected that some 500,000,000 board feet

retarded because many people have believed that the government would actually buy the timber as it lies on the ground. This is, however, something too difficult to be done. The government has no agency which specializes in logging and to set up an organization within the time limit would be practically impossible. It is understood that the \$500,000,000 now being requested from Congress will be used, if available, to pay the full price for logs instead of the 90 per cent which owners are now receiving. "Another reason for the lag is the inertia of local owners. Although the Forest Service in charge of salvage, with an office located at 115 Chauncy street, Boston, has obtained the names of many logging contractors, who could get out the timber, there has been little call from local town communities for such help. Unless individual owners are willing to do something for themselves there is little hope of getting the larger part of the salvageable timber out of the woods by June."

Had Community Party

At the home of W. C. Wilson, on Northfield mountain, Thursday evening of last week, friends and neighbors gathered in a community party. Beginning the social hour a discussion was started on the subject, "Do married men make the best husbands" which afforded much amusement. Stunts in which a prize was offered followed and Annie E. Slaght won in the recital of a humorous poem, given as only a school girl could give it.

A swimming match in charge of the Sibley boys was next in order. Joyce and Johnnie were the swimmers, of course the girl won. An airplane ascent in the rear was enjoyed by young America. There were no tail spins but Norton Field was the only one to come down on both feet. The adults were less venturesome. Refreshments were served as only a farmer's wife knows how, and an abundance was left behind. Thanks friends.

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